

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims. The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions in the Application:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:  
parsing a plurality of documents;  
selecting paragraphs from the documents through a subsuming relation calculation; and wherein the subsuming relation calculation includes:  
linking noun phrases, verb phrases or entity names in each paragraph of every document with identical noun phrases, verb phrases or entity names in every other paragraph of every document,  
counting the links for each paragraph, denoting the number of links as the significant score of that paragraph,  
ranking the paragraphs by the significant score,  
selecting paragraphs based on ranking; and  
rewriting the selected paragraphs into a summary.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein parsing further comprises:  
extracting noun phrases and verb phrases from the documents;  
categorizing the noun phrases that are entity names; and  
converting the entity names into canonical form.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein rewriting further comprises:  
~~ranking the paragraphs;~~  
applying a co-reference resolution algorithm to the paragraphs; and  
replacing pronouns in the paragraphs with their full entity name antecedents.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the documents have a common topic independent of domain.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the documents are composed in English or in a language other than English.

7. (Currently Amended) A tangible machine readable medium having stored thereon sequences of instructions which are executable by a processor, and which, when executed by the processor, cause the system to perform a method comprising:

parsing a plurality of documents;

selecting paragraphs from the documents through a subsuming relation

calculation; and, wherein the subsuming relation calculation includes:

linking noun phrases, verb phrases or entity names in each paragraph of

every document with identical noun phrases, verb phrases or entity

names in every other paragraph of every document,

counting the links for each paragraph, denoting the number of links as the

significant score of that paragraph,

ranking the paragraphs by the significant score,

selecting paragraphs based on ranking; and

rewriting the selected paragraphs into a summary.

8. (Original) The medium of claim 7 wherein parsing further comprises:

extracting noun phrases and verb phrases from the documents;

categorizing the noun phrases that are entity names; and

converting the entity names into canonical form.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 7 wherein rewriting further comprises:

~~ranking the paragraphs;~~

applying a co-reference resolution algorithm to the paragraphs; and

replacing pronouns in the paragraphs with their full entity name antecedents.

11. (Original) The medium of claim 7 wherein the documents have a common topic independent of domain.

12. (Original) The medium of claim 7 wherein the documents are composed in English or in a language other than English.

13. (Currently Amended) An system comprising:

- a processor;
- a bus coupled to the processor; and
- a unit coupled to the bus to
  - parse a plurality of documents,
  - select paragraphs from the documents through a subsuming relation calculation, ~~and~~, wherein the subsuming relation calculation includes:
    - linking noun phrases, verb phrases or entity names in each paragraph of every document with identical noun phrases, verb phrases or entity names in every other paragraph of every document,
    - counting the links for each paragraph, denoting the number of links as the significant score of that paragraph,
    - ranking the paragraphs by the significant score,
    - selecting paragraphs based on ranking; and
  - rewrite the selected paragraphs into a summary.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the unit further extracts noun phrases and verb phrases from the documents, categorizes the noun phrases that are entity names, and converts the entity names into canonical form.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled) The system of claim 13 wherein the unit further ~~ranks the paragraphs~~, applies a co-reference resolution algorithm to the paragraphs, and replaces pronouns in the paragraphs with their full entity name antecedents.

17. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the documents have a common topic independent of domain.

18. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the documents are composed in English or in a language other than English.